

## LISTING OF CLAIMS

The listing of claims below replaces prior versions of claims in the application. Claims 1- 20 were pending at the time of the Action.

1. (Previously Amended) In a command line operating environment, a computer-executable method comprising:

executing each command on a command line in a first execution mode or in an alternate execution mode, wherein executing the command in the alternate execution mode occurs when the command includes an instruction to execute in the alternate execution mode, the alternate execution mode being provided by the command line operating environment.

2. (Original) The computer-executable method of claim 1, wherein the alternate execution mode visually displays results of executing the command.

3. (Original) The computer-executable method of claim 1, wherein the alternate execution mode visually displays simulated results of executing the command.

4. (Original) The computer-executable method of claim 1, wherein the alternate execution mode prompts for verification of executing the command before executing the command.

5. (Original) The computer-executable method of claim 1, wherein the alternate execution mode performs a security check to determine whether a user requesting the execution of the command has sufficient privileges to execute the command.

1           6.    (Original) The computer-executable method of claim 1, wherein  
2   executing the command in the alternate execution mode further occurs when the  
3   command line includes a switch indicating the alternate execution mode.

4           7.    (Original) The computer-executable method of claim 6, wherein the  
5   switch comprises "whatif" and the alternate execution mode visually displays  
6   simulated results of executing the command.

7           8.    (Previously Amended) The computer-executable method of claim 1,  
8   wherein the instruction comprises a call to a method provided by the command  
9   line operating environment.

1           **9.** (Previously Amended) At least one computer-readable medium  
2 having computer-executable instructions for performing a method, comprising:

3           receiving a command line operative by a command line operating  
4 environment that ~~to~~-directs the performance of a task;

5           determining by the command line operating environment if a parameter is  
6 present on the command line that is associated with a simulation mode;

7           if the parameter is present, simulating the performance of the task by the  
8 command line operating environment; and

9           reporting the results of the simulation by the command line operating  
10 environment.

11           **10.** (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 9, wherein the  
12 parameter comprises a switch.

13           **11.** (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 10, wherein the  
14 switch comprises “whatif”.

15           **12.** (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 9, wherein the  
16 task comprises a stand-alone executable command.

17           **13.** (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 9, wherein the  
18 task comprises a pipeline of executable commands, each executable command  
19 operating in a separate process.

20           **14.** (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 9, wherein the  
21 task comprises a pipeline of executable commands, each executable command  
22 operating in the same process.

23           **15.** (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 14, wherein  
24 each executable command comprises an instantiated class.  
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1       **16.** (Previously Amended) A system that provides a command line  
2 operating environment, the system comprising:

3       a processor; and

4       a memory, the memory being allocated for a plurality of computer-  
5 executable instructions which are loaded into the memory for execution by  
6 the processor, the computer-executable instructions performing a method  
7 comprising:

8       executing each command entered on a command line, wherein if the  
9 command includes an instruction to execute the command using extended  
10 functionality provided by the command line operating environment, executing the  
11 command using the extended functionality.

12       **17.** (Original) The system of claim 16, wherein the extended  
13 functionality comprises visually displaying results of executing the command.

14       **18.** (Original) The system of claim 16, wherein the extended  
15 functionality comprises visually displaying simulated results of executing the  
16 command.

17       **19.** (Original) The system of claim 16, wherein the extended  
18 functionality comprises prompting for verification before executing the command.

19       **20.** (Original) The system of claim 16, wherein the extended  
20 functionality comprises performing a security check to determine whether a user  
21 requesting the execution of the command has sufficient privileges to execute the  
22 command.